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State Issues New E-Mail Addresses

The State of Michigan is now using "michigan.gov" as its principal e-mail address instead of "state.mi.us." Please take time to update any e-mail addresses you have for state offices or employees. For example, e-mails formerly sent to name@state.mi.us should be addressed to name@michigan.gov. There will be a phase-in period for the new e-mail address, but now would be a good time to revise your e-mail address book.

Crime and Safety Statistics Out

The Center released Crime and Safety Statistics for the 2000-2001 School Year on November 30. Since only 60 percent of schools reported crime and safety statistics, the Center declined to release a formal report. The following information is available on the Center's Web site on the Education Reports page:

- Executive Summary
- Letter to Superintendents
- Follow-Up Letter to Superintendents
- List of School Districts That Responded
- Crime and Safety Field Descriptions
- Crime and Safety Summary Data Tables
- Downloadable dBASE file of 2000-2001 Crime and Safety Data
- Public Act 102 of 1999 (MCL 380.1310a)
- The Michigan Department of Education Office of Safe Schools.

Updates to the School Evaluation Services

Standard & Poor's School Evaluation Services (SES) has updated its Web site with revisions to data previously submitted by Michigan's public school districts and charter schools. Early in 2002, look for SES to release updated information and analyses for the 2000 school year and a new annual, statewide report called "Statewide Insights." You can link to the SES Web site directly from the Center's Web site at www.michigan.gov/cepi.

Pupil Headcount Data Needed

This fall, all districts participated in a parallel submission of their fall data via the Education Data Network (EDN) and the Single Record Student Database (SRSD). Although some headcount data are being collected via the SRSD, high school headcount data collected on the IM-4203 via the EDN are still needed in order to calculate graduation, retention, and dropout rates. The State School Aid Act requires this data to be submitted by December 7 of each year.

SRSD Submissions Past Due...November 30

The data entry date has passed for the ISDs to submit fall data for the SRSD. If you have not submitted your district's data, please do so as soon as possible. The data submitted this fall will be used to initialize the database. Additionally, beginning in February 2002, the SRSD will be used to determine pupil membership for the purpose of State Aid payments.

Stay Current with Web Site

Be sure to check out all the latest information about the MEIS core data sets, important dates, user manuals, and other technical information on the Data Services pages of the Center's Web site at www.michigan.gov/cepi.

Coming Up...

SRSD workshops are scheduled for January and February 2002.

REP hands-on training/presentation is also coming in January 2002.

Information about these valuable sessions is available on our Web site: www.michigan.gov/cepi

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